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Chief Executive Officer

October 2, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: FUNDING SUPPLEMENT FOR
INCREASED SERVICE REQUESTS FOR AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DRILLING SERVICES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the supplemented contract work is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to supplement for the As-Needed Geotechnical and Environmental Drilling Services program by increasing the program's annual maximum aggregate not-to-exceed contract amount from \$300,000 to \$800,000 for the current contract year and subsequent final option year.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to annually increase the contract amount up to an additional 25 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of work of the contract, if required.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this recommended action is to increase the annual contract amount for this service's current term and next option year. This service is designed to provide necessary drilling services throughout the County to conduct investigations for geotechnical, environmental, and groundwater purposes. This supplement is necessary due to the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) heavy involvement in the

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certification of levees throughout the County of Los Angeles. This work is necessary to be in compliance with the national Levee Certification Program, which was established in 2006 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in response to Hurricane Katrina and the resulting catastrophic failure of the levee system that protects the Gulf Coast.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) by having contractors that have the specialized expertise to provide this service accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The additional \$500,000 annually will increase the contract's annual not-to-exceed amount from \$300,000 to \$800,000, plus 25 percent for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract for the current contract term and subsequent final option year.

Financing for this additional service is in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Flood Control District Fund Budget. Total annual expenditures for this service will not exceed the contract amount approved by your Board.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is giving cities and levee owners up to 27 months to obtain levee certification through an administrative process known as the Provisionally Accredited Levee Agreement. This agreement was sent to the cities and County of Los Angeles in July 2007 to officially start the levee certification process. Public Works intends to provide FEMA with an interim progress report by October 16, 2008, and the completed levee certification report by October 16, 2009.

This program seeks to identify and assess the risk of flood damage in areas protected by existing levees. It has been estimated that at least 300, 6-inch diameter, hollow-stem borings will have to be completed, logged, and sampled, which would require a significant increase in the annual contract amount. These borings need to be completed by October 2008 to be on schedule with the Levee Certification Program.

On April 6, 2004, Agenda 24, your Board approved the following contracts for the As-Needed Geotechnical and Environmental Drilling Services, authorizing maximum aggregate annual contract expenditures of \$300,000:

- Contract No. 001475 with WDC Exploration & Wells
- Contract No. 001476 with Gregg Drilling Testing, Inc.
- Contract No. 001477 with Prosonic Corporation, d.b.a. Alliance-Prosonic
- Contract No. 001478 with Beylik Drilling, Inc.
- Contract No. 001479 with American Well Technologies (formerly known as Dynadrill International, Inc.)
- Contract No. 001480 with Layne Christensen Company
- Contract No. 001482 with CTI Telecom Corp.
- Contract No. 001494 with Vironex, Inc.

These contracts are for a two-year term commencing on May 1, 2004, with three 1-year renewal options, not to exceed a total contract period of five years.

On June 13, 2006, Agenda 49, your Board approved Supplement 1, increasing the not-to-exceed maximum aggregate amount from \$300,000 to \$600,000 for the first option year only, to satisfy the greater than expected geotechnical and environmental drilling demand. All terms, conditions, requirements, prices, and specifications of the original contract remained unchanged for Supplement 1.

Supplement 1 applied to only seven of the eight original contracts. On March 29, 2006, Public Works notified Beylik Drilling, Inc., that Contract No. 001478 would not be renewed for the Fiscal Year 2006-07 contract year since the contractor moved its operations to the Hawaiian Islands and no longer operated in the County of Los Angeles.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This service continues to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This service is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15304 (f) and 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will not result in any impact on other current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Administrative Services Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF', followed by a horizontal line.

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Chief Executive Officer

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c: County Counsel
Department of Public Works (Geotechnical and Materials Engineering)